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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Walking on

### Edna L. Waymire

Edna L. Waymire, 77, of Williamsburg, Kansas, died December 2, 1997, at Ransom Memorial Hospital, Ottawa, Kansas.

Services were held at the Dengel & Son Mortuary Saturday, Dec. 8. Officiating was Ft. Tony Blaufuss. Mrs. Waymire laid in state at the Dengel and Son Mortuary, Friday noon until the service hour where the Rosary was said Friday evening at 7 p.m. followed by a visitation.

Mrs. Waymire was born September 11, 1920, in Lexington, Oklahoma to Noah J. and Etta (Tate) Rhodd. She moved from Brunswick, Missouri to the Williamsburg area of Franklin County in 1983. She graduated from Chilloceo Indian Boarding School in 1938.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Citizen Potawatomi Indian Nation. On August 11, 1938, she was united in marriage with Warren E. Waymire at Burden, Kansas. He preceded her in death December 31, 1996.

Survivors include daughter Jeraldine Waymire of Williamsburg, KS; son, Ronald E. Waymire of Massillon, OH; 5 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

husband; an infant son, Warren Eugene Waymire, Jr. in 1940; daughter Edna Marie McKinney in 1988; granddaughter Tonya Lyne McKinney in 1983; her father Noah J. Rhodd; her mother Etta Rhodd; sisters Grace Rhodd, Clara Rhodd and twin sisters Evelyn and Theresa Rhodd; and brothers Ernest, James, Maurice and Robert Rhodd.

### Margaret Agnes Carman

Margaret Agnes Carman died Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at the age of 91, in Lodi, California.

She was born Dec. 31, 1906 in Konawa, Oklahoma to Peter A. and Wendelina Rhodd.

Survivors include her son, Ross Rhodd Carman of Walnut Creek, California; and two grandchildren, sisters Mary Beth Washam of El Ciento, California, and Ruth Dickman of Manteca, California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ross Carman; her parents, Peter A. and Wendelina Rhodd; and brothers Joe and George Rhodd.

Services were held in Lodi, California.

### Buck Tasier

Shawnee resident Buck W. Tasier died Nov. 30, 1997, in Oklahoma City. He was 86.

Mr. Tasier was born Nov. 30, 1911, in Earlsboro, Oklahoma, to Eli William and Virginia (Gaddy) Tasier. He graduated from Bethel High School in 1928 and was a student at Chillicothe Business College in Missouri.

He retired as an automotive supplies salesperson in 1969. He had worked for Santa Fe Railway, Pure Oil Company and drove a school bus for the Bethel School System for 16 years.

Mr. Tasier was a member of the Church of Christ, active in the Potawatomi Pow Wow Club and received a Certificate of Efforts on behalf of the Potawatomi Tribe in June of 1980. He worked as an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America and was recognized as a charter member of the Most High Order of the Donkey, Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include a sister, Catherine "Betty" Moelk of Shawnee; two nieces and their husbands, Kathleen and Dick Vaillette of Macomb and Barbara and Bobby Hemphill of Seminole; a nephew and his wife, Jack Robert and Margie Tasier of Fresno, California; an adopted son, Monty Tasier; a daughter and her husband, Gloria Jean and Ralph

Conover of Yukon; a granddaughter, Leann Newton of Oklahoma City; three great-grandchildren; and several other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jack Tasier; and a half brother, Glen Tasier.

Services were held Dec. 3 at Resthaven Memorial Park's Trinity Chapel with Charlie Little and Norman Kiker officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

### George Barrett

George Barrett passed away November 6, 1997, in the Shawnee Care Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma. He had spent much of the last few years in local nursing homes due to strokes and cancer. He was 90 years old.

He was born in Asher, Oklahoma, on January 24, 1907, to James Thomas and Minnie (Haas) Barrett. His Citizen Potawatomi heritage came through his mother. He spent his early years in Oklahoma, but when employment became difficult he moved his wife and children to California. This was in the spring of 1940.

He worked hard at farm labor (sustaining a hip injury which bothered him the rest of his life). During WWII, he worked at Mare Island Shipyard in Northern California, then returned to farm labor as well as oilfield and housing construction in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

He moved his family back and forth to Oklahoma a couple of times and finally, in order to be near his elderly mother, his sisters and a brother, he moved to Shawnee to stay in 1964.

He enjoyed fishing and especially hunting, at which he was very good (as he had an eagle eye).

Love of his God, his immediate and extended family were very important to him. The family is pleased to know he is in the presence of the Lord and is no longer suffering, though we will miss him greatly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Tom and Bob Barrett; three sisters, Oma Barrett, Emma Davis and Jimmie Chism; and his first wife, Ina (Keylon) Barrett.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Barrett of Shawnee; sister, Lyla McGee of Midwest City; daughters, Darlene Walton of Fresno, CA and Dolphene Richardson of Bakersfield, CA; grandsons, Jimmy Walton, Keith and Glenn Richardson; sons-in-law Jay Walton and Norwood Richardson, all from Califor-

nia. He leaves numerous nieces and nephews in Oklahoma, California and Pennsylvania.

He is also survived by two step-sons, Charles Griggs and wife Joyce of Tulsa, and Don Griggs of California; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8 at Resthaven Memorial Park with interment at the same location. Officiating was Waldo Young, pastor of Northeast Freewill Baptist Church, of which George Barrett was a member. Many of his family and friends were in attendance. A niece, Connie Barrett, provided the songs.

His family wishes to thank all who have visited and prayed for him throughout these difficult times. Thanks to all who attended the funeral and provided flowers. Your presence and your kind words as well as other assistance are very much appreciated. George was a very humble, shy person and would have been pleased to know you cared so.

*Provided by  
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Bakersfield, CA*

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Fetal Alcohol dangers detailed at workshop in Shawnee Nov. 21

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information

*"Let us put our heads together and see what kind of life we can make for our children." – Sitting Bull*

On Nov. 21, 90 health care professionals heeded that sage advice as they attended a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Workshop in Shawnee. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Community and Family Services Department, the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health cosponsored the event.

In her keynote address at the workshop, Dr. Robin LaDue (Cowlitz Tribe) said that approximately 5,000 babies are born suffering from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in the United States each year. "FAS is completely preventable by abstaining from alcohol use during pregnancy," Dr. LaDue told the *HowNiKan* in an interview from her home in Renton, Washington. "That we are not taking more proactive steps to prevent FAS is absolutely horrible."

Dr. LaDue is a clinical psychologist in private practice. She is also affiliated with the Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington.

According to Dr. LaDue, the manifestations of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome include "learning problems, social problems, behavior problems ... (our children's) not being able to live up to their potential."

Alcohol in a pregnant mother's bloodstream exerts different effects on the unborn child at various stages of a pregnancy. In the first three months, often before the woman knows that she is pregnant, alcohol can cause a child to be born with small eyes set far apart, a smooth, elongated section between the nose and mouth, a thin upper lip and a flat face.

Drinking after the beginning of the fourth month of preg-

nancy can cause a baby to be born with subtle facial deformities, a low birthweight, and brain damage. A pregnant mother's beginning to drink during months six or seven can still cause low birthweight and brain damage.

Shirl Hubert, a state-certified FAS trainer, and Denette Brand attended from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Both are staff members with Community and Family Services.

Hubert stressed that tribal members need to know that, these days, many children are diagnosed as suffering from Attention Deficit or Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) when their real problem is FAS. Hubert said, "AD/HD-labeled children who are unresponsive to being treated with Ritalin or other drugs should be evaluated for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or other fetal alcohol effects."

Children with fetal alcohol effects do not have the "full look" of those who suffer from full-blown FAS. They are somewhat less impacted by the mother's alcohol use during pregnancy.

"FAE children have similar behavior problems and physical symptoms," Hubert said.

"However, their problems are not as severe as those of children with FAS."

"This is the most important point I need to make to your readers," Dr. LaDue said.

"What alcohol does is actually disrupt formation of the brain. The baby won't have the (proper brain) structures in place. And, if you don't have those structures, you're not going to have the (proper) function."

Alcohol causes lesions — holes — in that part of the brain that is dedicated to linking cause-and-effect, developing good behavior, making good judgments, and doing well in school. Dr. LaDue said that children with FAS "can't learn, can't keep a job, don't have any 'common sense'."

The sad thing, in Dr. LaDue's words, is that "this damage is

permanent. You cannot rebuild the brain. You cannot make this any better."

Dr. LaDue, who has been battling FAS since shortly after it was first diagnosed in the early 1970s, prescribes a three-pronged effort. "We need to work with our women who are really heavy, heavy alcoholics, who may have FAS themselves and don't comprehend. We need to get general information out about not doing even casual drinking. And, we need to hold our tribal leadership accountable for setting up policies and being examples themselves."

Tribal members across the U.S. should demand that their leaders run for office on a platform of sobriety, according to Dr. LaDue. She would also like to see Indian nations amend their constitutions to require that elected officials "be abstinent for two years prior to assuming office and for the whole time they are on the tribal council."

Doctors practicing in Indian Country get a share of LaDue's criticism. "Any physician anywhere needs to be required to have training in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and in diagnosing it. They need to be screening women. They need to be talking about this," LaDue said.

Dr. LaDue refuses to hand women the entire burden for preventing FAS. She said that male partners of women who are pregnant, considering having a child, or sexually active must play a role in prevention.

"These males should understand that the best thing that they can do is understand and support their partner's abstinence. We know that women don't make babies alone, and they don't drink alone."

The bottom line, in Dr. LaDue's opinion, is that "alcohol and babies don't mix", not even after birth for nursing mothers. Alcohol can be absorbed into the mother's milk and can reach and damage the baby in that manner.

For more information on FAS or FAE can call Hubert at 800-880-9880 or at 405-275-3176.



### In The Navy

Upon graduation from the Job Corps in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, tribal member William M. Hancock embarked on a four-year enlistment with the United State Navy. On June 20, Bill graduated E2 from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. From Great Lakes, he headed for Dam Neck, Virginia, where he trained as an operations specialist, graduating on Sept. 12 and being upgraded to E3. He then headed home for a welcomed 30-day leave. Following his leave he was assigned to the cruiser U.S.S. Bunker Hill in Japan. Bill is the great-great-great-grandson of Joseph Napoleon Bourassa and Elizabeth Curley Bourassa; great-great-grandson of Joseph Bourassa; great-grandson of Laura Bourassa Maisch; grandson of Elizabeth Hancock and son of Mike and Cindy Hancock. His family is very proud of Bill's decision to serve his country and of his accomplishments. Watiya nnugnls!

#### Request for Proposal Architectural/Engineering Services Nishnabe Medical Center

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is requesting Architectural/Engineering Services proposals for ICDBG Project #B97SR400017. The project consists of construction of the *Nishnabe* Medical Center, to be built on four (4) acres of trust property belonging to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Professional A/E services are requested for, but not limited to, the following items: site evaluation, design options, detailed architectural plans and specifications, cost estimates, bidding assistance, and construction oversight and inspection.

RFP evaluation will be based on the following criteria: firm experience and qualifications, staff experience and qualifications, responsiveness to the Nation's needs, project approach, ability to meet a schedule, and Indian preference.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation shall have the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal and to accept the proposal that, in its best judgment, is in its own best interest.

For more information and to obtain a complete A/E proposer's packet, please contact:

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**The deadline for submission of proposals is January 23, 1998.**



# FOR THE RECORD

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT. 18, 1997

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary / Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Tribal Enrollment Director Mary Farrell, Tribal Archaeologist Lisa Kraft, EDP Director Buck Wynne, Tribal members Brent and John Bryant.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to appropriate \$250.00 from the Wilfred Bibb Memorial Scholarship fund for Tim Brinson to attend a Special Government Studies Program in Washington DC; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 1997 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 5:40 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #98-13 changing the quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, August 28, 1997 to Thursday September 18, 1997; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to reappoint Shelly Schneider to the Housing Authority Board; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Decision was made by the Business Committee to donate \$500.00 to the Shelter for Domestic Abuse, a fundraising operation sponsored by Senator Kelly Haney.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98014 accepting the two mutual help houses from the Sac & Fox housing authority located in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdiction; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution # 98-15 enrolling 12 applicants eligible under previous guidelines; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98-16 enrolling 27 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #98-17 enrolling 35 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #98-18 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98-19 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-20 enrolling 21 descendency applicant; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution # 98-21 enrolling 17 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Gene Bruno seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



## WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

**The following tribal members were enrolled under the previous guidelines:**

Anderson, Nancy Jane Eby  
Cunnison, Michael Ralph  
Fikes, Scott Lester  
Hammons, Matthew Robert  
Hasker, Stephen Garrett  
Mahaffey, Phyllis Jo Arnold  
Martinek, Dori Anne Schwartz  
Steier, Deborah Kay Eby

**The following tribal members were enrolled under descendency:**

Allison, Aaron Christopher  
Bidon, Britney Deanne  
Bogges, Brooke Ellen  
Boyes, Patricia Grace Purves  
Brdfield, Megan Rae  
Brooks, Andrew Wayne  
Byars, Devin Ray  
Carr, Dylan Scott  
Carter, Michelle Elizabeth  
Carter, Woodrow Rexford  
Charlson, Savannah Jane  
Chavez, Kaitlynn Renae

Clymer, Kerri Jo Mahaffey  
Cole, Victoria Catherine  
Coombe, Brandon Kelly Roy  
Coombe, Brittney Larissa Ann  
Coombe, Shantel Yvette Marie  
Daniels, Billy Lee  
Dean, Mason David  
Donat, Rachel Anne  
Dragoo, Mariah Shae Vasquez  
Felts, Jessica Odell  
Felts, Jonathan Cody  
Fikes, Jessica Anne  
Flanagan, Trenton Jeremiah  
Flippin, Charissa Dail  
Flippin, Chloe Hartness  
Forte, Noah Nathaniel  
Foster, Joseph Andrew  
Garcia, Britteni Nicole  
Garcia, Jenafer BreAnn  
Gracia, Randi Rene'  
Gregson, Joanna Marie  
Hankins, Stephanie Michelle  
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Hilburn, John Tyler

Hudson, Shannon Dyan  
Hudson, Tyler Glynn  
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Kacura, Alan John  
Kacura, Jamie Lynn  
Kacura, Keri Rene'  
Keen, Karla Sue Simecka  
Kerr, Jared David  
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Nadeau, Allie Dakota  
Nootbaar, Michael Martin  
Nootbaar, Steven Christopher  
Nootbaar, Timothy Bryan  
Norman, Chase Alexander  
O'Connor, Catherine Elizabeth  
O'Connor, Mark Robert  
Osborn, Lauren Taylor  
Ramsey, Kixton Lattimore  
Rard, Garrin Allen  
Risinger, Mona Lee

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Robbins, Anthony James  
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Sowersby, LeCricia Lynne  
Sowersby, Ronald Erwin  
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Steier, Terry Lee  
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Stockdale, Shelby LeAnn  
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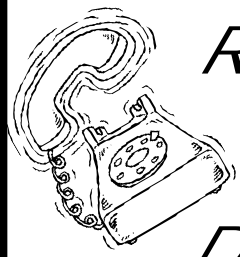
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#### Bozho: Ni Ji Na?

By the time this reaches you, all the packages have been opened and the tree has come down. It will be a time to think of starting our new year, and all the resolutions we make to others and our own self will soon be broken. I hope that one of your New Year's Resolutions will be to learn just a few new words and another one is to bring something of your art creation to our meeting. I want all of you to call me for an entry form and enter your talents. Our meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn in Lincoln City this year.

We have had some difficulties with our phone system, but it is back to work again now and I hope I didn't miss any of your calls. If so please call again and I will get back to you.

One of our members in Eugene has been very ill and Rocky and I have been trying to help. Most of the time it is just being there in mind, body and prayer. Please remember your Nishnabe brothers, sisters and our elders in your prayers.

We are still on the pow-wow trail, meeting a lot of you there and keeping up with the dancing and drumming. The Western Oregon University at Monmouth, Oregon, is having their annual pow-wow on January 31 in their new P.E. building. Grand entry is noon and again at 6 p.m. with dinner bread at 4 p.m. All drums and dancers welcome... These kids do a great job putting on this Pow-wow and it would be great if you would come out and support them. We need our young people to

learn the Indian ways and the proper ways. A guide to North America Pow-Wows and Gatherings is available for \$11.46 per book, plus \$2.50 for shipping. Send check or money order with your name and address to Book Publishing Co., P.O. Box 99 Summertown, NJ 38483 ... I can't seem to keep up on all the pow-wows to let you know ahead.

The job line at Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is (503) 879-2257. Request an application and return it to: Cindy Martin-Butler Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347...

Until next month or I talk to you by phone or letter, Ba ma mi ne (See you later).

Megwich,

Rocky Baptiste

### Southwest

#### Happy Holidays!

#### Greetings from Phoenix!

She's back!!! I am so sorry I've missed the last five issues of the How NiKan, but I've been a little under the weather. You know when the years begin to mount up it takes a little longer to recover. But the old girl is going strong again ...

I would like to thank all of you who worried and called to see what the trouble was. I really appreciated it one and all. It makes one feel that you are doing something worthwhile; thanks again for your thoughtfulness. Unfortunately, because I was laid up (so to

speak) I wasn't able to get around so I'm afraid there is not much fun or exciting information to impart.

We will be having our Regional Meeting on January 17, 1998, so you can expect your invitation to come out to you between Christmas and New Year's. I hope all can attend. This year's regional will be full of fun, good food, visiting with old friends and making new friends. If you do beadwork, painting, ribbon work, pottery and any other native craft, please bring them to regional. The above crafts will be judged and the winners will be asked to send their handwork to Shawnee for the final

judging at time of Pow-Wow.

Well, enough for now. From my family to all of you, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. May Santa grant all your wishes and may all your hopes for the new year all come true.

For every sixty seconds of anger, you lose one minute of happiness. I do not think happiness is hard to find; it is how you treat it once you get hold of it that counts.

See you January 17, 1998.

Megwich,

Philonise Williams

### Midwest

#### Bozho Nicon,

A brand new year is upon us already. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and beautiful memories for years to come. For many of us the new year brings new hopes, dreams and goals. I am happy to announce that is certainly the case for me. On December 27, 1997 I was married to Dr. Bill Bell. Bill is a psychologist and, because of his enormous love for flying, is also a corporate pilot and flight instructor. I hope many of you will have a chance to meet Bill at our next regional council meeting or pow-wow.

For those of you who want to enter the Potawatomi art contest, please obtain an application as soon as possible. For complete details see page 8 of this issue of the HowNiKan or look for details in upcoming issues of the HowNiKan. This contest will give us Potawatomis a chance to show off our incredible talent. I must say, I think Native American people are some of the most talented and artistic people in the world.

I am happy to see the language program coming along. I am looking forward to getting the new tapes. I want to thank everyone involved in the language program for their dedication for making this possible for us. May Gitchi Manito continue to guide and bless you in your efforts. I wish everyone a happy and productive new year!

Pama Mine,

Maryann Bell

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**The 5th Of**  
**The Month!**

# REGIONAL REPORTS

## South Texas

### Bosho ngom, ni je na?

John and I wish you the happiest of New Years, with good health and prosperity.

We have seen or heard from all the children and most of the grandchildren in the past week, and all seems to be well. Ik she gwein.

We have not heard from many of you. I trust all is well with you also. The holidays take so much of our time, and energy, that getting through them is about all we accomplish in December.

Now we are into a new year, and many good things await us. There is the Potawatomi Artist Competition, open to all enrolled Citizen Potawatomi. We look forward to seeing your fine work at the Regional Meeting here in Houston on March 7. Bring the work to the meeting; it will be judged during the day, and three of you will go away winners, eligible for the Grand Competition in June.

Also, we can begin to make plans for the Pow-Wow in June. Going home for that is one of the highlights of the summer for us.

It is good we are learning some Language, too. Keep practicing those vowels. Remember "k" and "g" sound almost alike, as do "p" and "b". There is no hard "g" in our Language. Look on

the "net", there is a lot in the Prairie Band pages that you can actually hear, if you have a sound card in your computer. It really makes all the difference. Listen well.

There will be monthly benefit pow-wows in several places. They are free, and you are welcome to come. The Intertribal Pow-Wow is still held the second Saturday in the month, at St. Mary's out on Memorial Drive.

Then there is the Alabama-Coushatta Benefit Pow-Wow up at Livingston on their Reservation. It is the first Saturday of the month. Look also for the new Journal, Native Word Dancers, published by the local chapter of Wordcraft Circle of Native American Writers and Storytellers. It should be a good read.

I have finished the big book by Allen W. Eckert, *A Sorrow in Our Heart*. This is the life story of Tecumseh, but covers much of Potawatomi history before and during the War of 1812. Chambee was a close friend and ally of Tecumseh, and much is mentioned of Black Partridge, the chief of the Chicago village of that time. I recommend the book for its history and its value as a good read as well. I will be here if you want to talk. Give me a call. Take care of each other.

Bama mine' ngotdek

Lu Ellis

## North Texas

According to the local newspaper the experts say this may be the best foliage display this decade. It seems that our October rains came at the right time to keep the trees healthy. The freeze in November also helped produce the proper chemistry for the brilliant and unusual colors. We have TV, videos, movies, all kinds of entertainment and the show put on by this display left us all in awe. So here we are back to where our ancestors were, admiring the show nature put on for us. It was beautiful here. Hope it was in your neck of the woods, also.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving, started so many years ago between the Indians and Pilgrims, was a small one this year. One daughter and one grandson, Michael, joined us. And Michael and I also took the opportunity to celebrate our birthdays. Even though our group was small, we still had all the usual food and ate as much as possible

in honor of those who could not be with us. We did talk with other members of the family. I trust that all of you had a peaceful and especially thankful Thanksgiving with your family.

I have had one call regarding the art competition we will have at our Regional Meeting April 25, 1998. I will be glad to send you information I have now and will do my best to answer any questions you may have or will certainly try to get answers for you. I will also be looking for people to help judge the entries we do get. I know we have artists out there so get your creative abilities in gear and participate in this. I will be pretty much unavailable until after Christmas, but I will get back to you as soon as I can.

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year with my wishes for a fruitful year to come. I'll talk with you in 1998!

Marj Hobdy



### 1997-98 Regional Council Schedule

Denver .....	Nov. 1, 1997
Phoenix .....	Jan. 17, 1998
Southern California .....	Feb. 21, 1998
Houston .....	March 7, 1998
Northern California .....	April 18, 1998
Dallas .....	April 25, 1998
Seattle/Portland .....	May 9, 1998
Kansas City .....	May 30, 1998

## Northern California

Bozho, Niconi...

What a fast-paced month November was and now it's full speed ahead for the Christmas holidays. All the rush and hubbub will be over by the time that you read this. Hope your time together with family and friends was extra special.

When last I wrote, I was preparing to do a program for an elementary school, along with the All Nations Together Club from CSUH. It went well and the children really gained some positive information from the whole event, which included storytelling, dancing, answering questions, playing games, and doing crafts.

There were also information boards set up around the cafeteria, with quotes from various tribal leaders and pictures of past and present Native American leaders in government, sports, entertainment, etc. The teacher who coordinated this event did a beautiful job of covering many aspects of our culture and history.

If you are involved at your child's school, it would be a great opportunity to give your child's class a little time in this area. It might sound scary at first, but what happens in giving them a little information is that they realize we are still an active part of humanity, not just characters from their history lessons.

I am going to be talking with my son's fifth grade class soon, because they just finished a book, *Sign of the Beaver*. It tells the story of two boys, one White and one Indian, who learn things from each other. The teacher wants me to bring my thoughts on the book into class for discussion, as well as to present other information. Please, call me if you would like suggestions or help with doing this type of activity in your community or schools.

As we move into the new year — Happy 1998! I am hoping that you will make a resolution to learn more about your genealogy, our tribal customs, and our language. I hope you will also resolve to attend at least one pow-wow, to hear the drum. Share this with your children, grandchildren, etc. It is invaluable.

Remember that our Regional Meeting date is **April 18**, not March 21. I am hoping to hear from those of you who wish to enter the art contest soon. If the word "contest" doesn't appeal to you, think of this as an opportunity to share your work in an exhibit. It would be wonderful to have a large gallery of varied media to show and for all to enjoy at our meeting.

The pow-wow calendar is not out yet. Please, watch for flyers and media announcements in your community. You can also contact your local Indian clinics to learn if they have some information in their lobbies. In the Bay Area, there is a pow-wow hotline at 408-272-9453. Just be patient with the usual menu options.

Until next time, be well,

Jennifer J. Porter

# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Southern California

Bourzho from Pasadena!

We are emerging from the total eclipse of adjusting to a new child in the house. All is well, I hasten to add. I'd like to introduce you to my daughter, Julia Maxine Marie Finch, born October 19th, 2:52 am, 7 lbs 7 oz, 20 inches. Mother and child are in robust health.

She's a Bertrand/Higbee/Lorraine, named for her great-grandmother and her grandmother. My sons are very proud of their new baby sister, holding and feeding her daily.

When we pass through these monumental events, it brings us up so close to life. In elegant vignettes, it reveals to us the best qualities of human beings. Qualities like strength, patience, courage. I saw these and many other fine traits in the face of my wife as she bore

our beautiful child with dignity and grace. To say it was inspiring would fall far short of the truth.

Recently, I was reminded of the heroics of a Shoshone woman named Sacqawea. It's 1804, she's sixteen years old and pregnant, married to a Frenchman who bought her freedom from the Hidatsa. It's a difficult birth, aided in the end with rattlesnake medicine. A few weeks later, she leaves on a cross country trek with Lewis & Clark to find the Northwest Passage. She not only keeps up, but sets the pace. Saves the entire expedition twice. And with an infant in tow, mind you.

For those daughters out there, always remember the inner strength this Indian woman had. It lies within you, too. and for you mothers, gitche megwetch.

I am proud to introduce the Nation to my daughter, Julia Maxine Marie, a Potawatomi child.

P.S. Esther - I'm officially entering Julia in the Pow Wow Princess competition for the year 2016.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Regional Meeting time again, nikani. Saturday, February 21st. As always, I need volunteers.

ATTENTION! We have an art competition this year, so be sure to call for entry forms ASAP. Nadiya Littlewarrior, from our region, won in Shawnee last year with one of her beautiful spirit vessels. Let's have another good showing this year and turn it into a tradition!

Norman Kiker advises me that we are about to get under way with the lan-

guage program on a regional level. I'm compiling a list of tribal members who are interested in a series of language workshops. Please call and add your name to the list. I'll try to have our materials ready to go and a schedule worked out at the regional meeting in February.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with the reverence for those who came before, whose countless mocassins marked the path so clearly for us; with love for our brothers and sisters who walk this path at our side; and with hope for those who will follow, even to the seventh generation.

Megwetch,

*Jeremy Bertrand Finch*



## Potawatomi Art Contest

Enrolled Citizen Potawatomi artists are encouraged to enter the 1998 art competitions to be conducted at each Regional Council meeting. Artists must bring their work to their individual Regional Council Meeting to be shown or make arrangements for the work to be shown and returned to them safely. Regional competition prizes are: \$150 First Prize, \$100 Second Prize, and \$50 Third Prize.

Please contact your Regional Director if you wish to enter your work at your Regional Council Meeting. There is no entry fee for regional competitions.

Each artist is limited to three entries.

Artists who win first, second and third prize will advance to enter a second round of competition.

### **Those not represented by Regional Directors or Regional Areas:**

Tribal members not represented by a Regional Director should write for applications in order to enter a Regional Competition in Oklahoma. Winners of the competition in Shawnee are then eligible for entry to the Oklahoma Regional Grand Prize Art Competition.

### **Second Round Grand Prize Competitions**

The following instructions are for winners of Regional Competitions, who will be judged the first week of June 1998: Submit 35 mm slides in standard mounts (no glass mounts), with one slide for each one-dimensional piece and two or three slides for each three-dimensional piece (one detail shot).

Slides should be labeled with the artist's name, title of the work, date competed, media and dimension (HxWxD). A self-addressed stamped envelope for return must accompany the slides. Entries must have been completed within the past two years and all entries must be the work of the artists (Regional & Second Competition). Acceptance and awards are at the discretion of the juror.

First prize will be \$300, second \$200, and third \$100.

Artist will be notified by mail as soon as the competition judging is completed.

On May 30th those individuals with entries at Regional Council Meeting in Kansas City must have all required information and materials in the hands of your Regional Director in order for it to be submitted for final competition. Send no actual art work, only slides and other requirements. (Winners of Kansas Regional Competition will be judged and announced at Kansas Council.)

DEADLINE for Second Round Art Competition applications and other required information is Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

The winners of the Second Round Grand Prize Art Competition will be brought to Shawnee for the 1998 Potawatomi General Council and Pow-Wow. Winning art work will be shown at that time.

For More Information, contact:

**Citizen Potawatomi Nation-Art Competition**  
1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
Attn: Norman Kiker





# The Battle of Dove Creek



**By Chris Detherage**  
**Tribal Member, Arlington,**  
**Texas**

**Recently, while doing research on the Mexican Potawatomis listed on our 1863 roll, I accidentally came across a letter written in 1866 from tribal member Joseph Napoleon Bourassa to Col. J.B. Barry. It read:**

Topeka, Kansas

Sept. 8 1866

Col. Barry  
Sir,

Pardon me for writing your honor at this time; but being forced by request of friends, I do so. About two years ago, a party of our people went south, or towards Mexico with a party of Kickapoo. And I heard they had a big fight with the Texans, and killed 60 or 70 of them; though I learned they fought on the defensive at the time. And I am informed that they came back to Texas, to take revenge of that fight, and they got all killed. Col. please to give me the particulars of the fight they had, and in which they got killed to a man; and that your honor was the head Commander of the regiment that killed them.

I am the United States interpreter, and a relative of some, that are reported to have been killed. It will be a great relief to us to learn the particulars of the affair and you will greatly oblige a friend of peace and the United States Government.

Respectfully Yours  
Joseph Napoleon Bourassa

As most tribal members are aware, Joseph N. Bourassa was an active and influential member of the Kansas Potawatomis during the eighteen hundreds. Likewise, Col. James Buckner (Buck) Barry is a well known figure in Texas history during the same period. Buck's life closely resembles some sort of a John Wayne movie — frontier Indian fighter, military scout, Mexican War soldier, Texas Ranger, sheriff and cattle rancher. At the time of this letter, Buck was a Colonel in command of a Texas frontier defense company.

Besides the historical significance of the two corresponding parties, the letter is also important because it indicates that Potawatomis tribal members accompanying the Kickapoo south to Mexico were present and fought in the Battle of Dove Creek. It also hints that some of our tribal members were killed during the battle, which would seem to justify the unfortunate revenge raid in which all of its members were killed.

In September 1864, unsettled by Civil War conditions in Kansas and Oklahoma, some seven hundred Potawatomis and Kickapoo set out for Mexico from their camps in Kansas. They were led by the Kickapoo chiefs Papequah, Pecan and Nokowhat. Moving slowly south, hunting buffalo along the way for winter meat, the band hoped to escape discovery by the Texans in order to insure the safety of the women, children and old people.

On New Years Day, 1865, the caravan found itself only a few days' march from the Rio Grande and the safety of Mexico. Having traveled so far without encountering any problems, the Kickapoo chiefs decided to allow the party and its ponies a much needed rest. Hoping to escape the effects of a gathering snow storm, the chiefs wisely selected a camp site on a flat divided by Dove Creek, with a high bluff to the windward side to provide shelter. Their camp consisted of 160 teepees.

Days earlier, a troop of Texas Confederate Scouts, commanded by Captain N.W. Gillentine, had crossed the trail of the Mexico-bound Potawatomis and Kickapoos. The trail that they found was about one hundred yards wide and was easy to follow. While following the trail, the scouts found a freshly dug grave containing the body of a young Indian girl, which they immediately looted, distributing trinkets found inside among themselves. The more cautious among them warned that this act of plunder might "prove to be bad medicine" for them.

Upon finding the trail, Captain Gillentine sent couriers out with news of his discovery to the state militia units of the surrounding area. Soon a force of four hundred Confederate soldiers was gathered. Buck Barry was a member of one of these units.

On January 8, 1865, the Confederate force attacked. At first, the surprise of the Texans' attack stunned the Potawatomis and Kickapoo warriors, but they soon recovered, retreating to the brush-choked ravines located in the rear of the camp. From there, they were able to pour a devastating fire into the advancing Confederates. In a matter of minutes, the accurate fire from their modern long range rifles had cut down dozens of Confederate soldiers. Within an hour of the attack, the Confederate line broke, as many Texans began running to their horses in complete panic. Sensing that victory was near, the Potawatomis and Kickapoo warriors charged forward and pulled several Texans "from their saddles and slew them with demoniac fury."

Retreating to the safety of a distant ridge, the Confederate officers counted their casualties and discovered that 26 Texans had been slain and 60 others wounded. It was also noted that every possessor of the trinkets taken from the young Indian girl's grave met death in the fighting.

Unaware that they had just inflicted the most disastrous defeat

ever suffered by the Texans in their long history of Indian Wars, the Potawatomis and Kickapoos hastily packed and crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico. They had lost 15 tribal members in the attack. A pass from the Potawatomis Agency in Kansas was found on one slain member's body.

In the spring of 1865, Mexican Potawatomis and Kickapoo, smarting for revenge and claiming that Texas had declared war on them by their attack on Dove Creek, launched a 20 year offensive against Texas, which is unmatched for the calculated viciousness, vindictiveness and destruction of life and property. It was in this atmosphere of revenge that Mr. Bourassa's Potawatomis relatives crossed into Texas, only to meet their deaths.

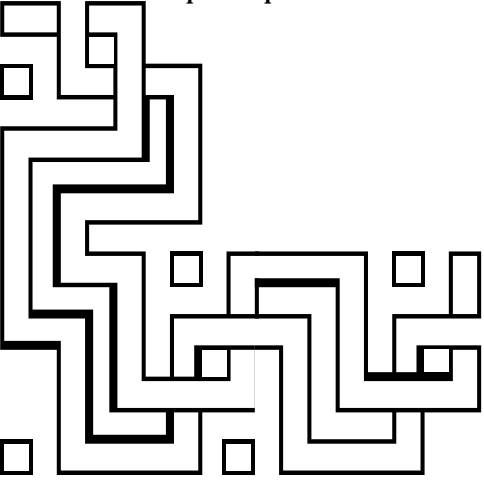
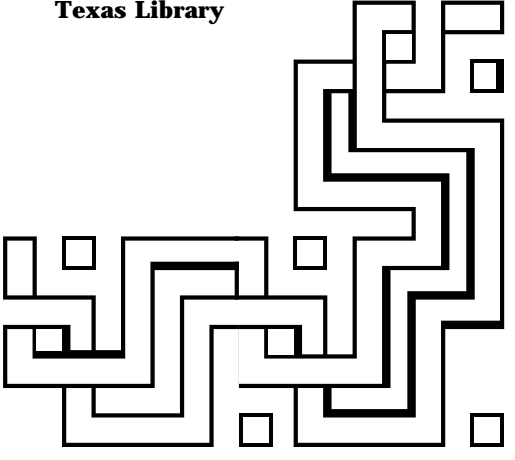
In his memoir, Buck does mention that seven Indians, apparently hunting buffalo on a pass from Ft. Sill, were attacked and killed "to the man" by a crowd of local citizens from Bosque County, Texas. Could these have been Mr. Bourassa's relatives? We may never know but, through Mr. Bourassa's letter, we can be sure that Potawatomis warriors contributed to one of the greatest Indian victories of the American West.

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# TRIBAL TRACTS



## Tribal member performing 'Nutcracker' in Dallas

"An Evening of PIECES" Dec. 19 in the Decherd Center Theater, Dallas, Texas, featured performances by a Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member.

The first half of the concert closed with "Journey Through Snow" from *The Nutcracker*, featuring Meredith English as Snow Queen partnered by tribal member J. Davis Hobdy. Guest artist Laura Cutler danced as the Sugar Plum Fairy with Hobdy in the second act of *The Nutcracker* to round out the concert. PIECES was organized in April 1992 by Hobdy to serve as a performance outlet for Dallas and North Texas area dancers and choreographers.

Hobdy received an Honorable Mention in Jazz Dance from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search Competition while attending Arts Magnet High School. After graduating from BTWHSPVA, he furthered his studies at North Carolina School of the Arts, Pennsylvania School of Ballet, and the University of Texas at Austin. Hobdy has performed with Ballet Dallas, Dancers Unlimited Repertory Company, Dance Detroit, Texas National Dance Theatre, Ballet Austin's civic company, Kesheth Dancers, The Dance Consortium, and in several industrial shows and videos.

His teaching credits include

BTWHSPVA, The Dance Consortium, Theatre School of Dance in Shreveport, Dallas Theater Center and choreographic residencies at the Hockaday School. Currently he is on staff at the Baylor Fitness Center. Mr. Hobdy is the founder and Artistic Director of PIECES.

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Library & Archives

welcomes tribal members to come and view all of the wonderful information we have about the Potawatomi history and culture.

We encourage you to come in to visit or just sit and read in our quiet atmosphere. Our collections consist of new and rare books, photographs, videos, audio cassettes, maps, etc. So if you would like to learn more on the Potawatomi Nation as a whole, this is the place to come.

We are a non-lending library so any type of research that you would like to do will have to be done in our office.

Reasonable research inquiries will be accepted by mail.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m.). We are located

beneath the Tribal Museum in the Language and Culture building.

If you have any questions feel free to call Tracey Meeks, Tribal Archivist, at (405)878-4818 or 1-800-880-9880.

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## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

### Navajos reject proposed gaming on reservation

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late Nov. 1997) — Navajo voters once again opposed gaming on the Navajo reservation in a November 4 referendum.

The reaction to the vote was immediate. Waving an anti-gaming banner and cheering, a small group of people paraded around the Sports Center.

The unofficial gaming results of the November vote released by Navajo Nation Board of Elections Supervisors was 18,087 opposed, (54.5 percent of those that voted) and 15,305 in favor, (45.5 percent).

Herbert Pioche, who heads the Navajo Nation Council's Economic Development Committee, conceded that gaming had lost. "You can just feel it," Pioche added.

Pioche's committee lead the second push for gaming as a means of generating additional tribal revenue to support tribal government services in the face of declining tribal funds and federal budget cuts.

The first reservation-wide gaming vote on Nov. 4, 1994, was 28,073 opposed and 23,450 in favor.

Pioche blamed the "heavy lobbying" of the anti-gaming movement during the past five

days for the gaming loss.

Pioche said the reservation's anti-gaming group made the Navajo Nation's "would-be competitors" happy because the nation would have taken some of their gaming profits.

### Oneidas off to good start with bison project

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late Nov. 1997) — When the first of 13 buffalo charged out of the trailer that brought them a thousand miles to their new home on the Oneida reservation, the earth and hearts pounded. The wind and air were brisk in September as a crowd of 40 people waited in anticipation for the buffaloes' release on a 60-acre parcel near the corner of Cooper Road and

Hwy 54, west of Oneida.

The buffalo are the beginning of the Oneida Nation Bison Project, a concerted effort involving the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, the Intertribal Bison Cooperative (ITBC) and the Wind Cave National Park.

The Oneida Nation picked up the tab for rounding up the buffalo, about \$275 per head, their transportation costs, and veterinary services.

The bison herd in Wind Cave National Park is thinned periodically by making animals available for transplanting or relocation.

All of the Oneida buffalo are yearlings and will be capable of breeding in one to two years.

The Oneida Nation Farm has received approximately \$57,000 in grant monies since 1995 for the project.



## TRIBAL TRACTS

# Tribal bank part of national Wal-Mart credit consortium

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information

First National Bank of Shawnee, Oklahoma, owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is one of 38 minority-owned banks that have formed a consortium to provide Wal-Mart Stores Inc. a revolving line of credit.

The agreement for a \$72.5 million dollar credit line makes Wal-Mart, the nation's fourth largest corporation and largest private employer, a major customer of the banks, which are located in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

Larry Briggs, president of First National Bank, said, "We are excited about being part of the credit facility for Wal-Mart. Obviously, Wal-Mart is an outstanding company. We are pleased to be associated with them."

John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman, added, "This credit facility will enhance Wal-Mart's cash flow stream in times of cash-flow needs. And, it allows the bank and the community to develop another relationship with Wal-Mart, in addition to our relationship with the local Wal-Mart store."

Gateway National Bank of St. Louis, the only African American-owned bank in Missouri, formed the minority-banking consortium.

"This is the largest credit facility ever put together by a minority-owned bank," said Shamia "Tab" Buford, Gateway Bank's president and chief executive officer. "I want to congratulate Wal-Mart and every bank in our consortium for forming a partnership that strengthens the ability of minority-owned banks to invest in our communities."

"Wal-Mart is committed to developing business partner relationships that reflect our diverse base of customers and associates," said Wal-Mart vice president/treasurer Terri Bertschy.

"The opportunity to partner with minority-owned financial institutions is as important to Wal-Mart as the quality of the proposal that Gateway Bank presented," Bertschy said.

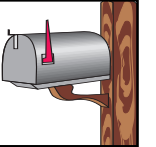
In purchasing First National Bank, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation became the first Indian tribe in the United States to buy an operating, federally chartered bank. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation also owns and operates several other businesses in

Shawnee, including a restaurant, an 18-hole golf course, a bowling alley, two convenience stores, a gift shop and museum, a bingo parlor, and an off-track-betting

parlor.

In addition to First National Bank of Shawnee, one other Oklahoma bank is part of the consortium, Bank of Cherokee County in Hulbert.

## From Our Mailbox



Borzho Nikan;

The planning committee of the Oregon Community College's Cultural Diversity Institute would like to thank and recognize Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps for her outstanding participation in the 3rd annual Statewide Institute held November 13-14, 1997, at Chemekata Community College in Salem, Oregon.

Ms. Capps was a keynote speaker on "diversity in business, healthy communities, and education." She also presented a workshop on "Development of Tribal Banks" and informal discussion of tribal progress. Ms. Capps was a tremendous hit with institute attendees and provided

thoughtful insight, enthusiasm and useful information.

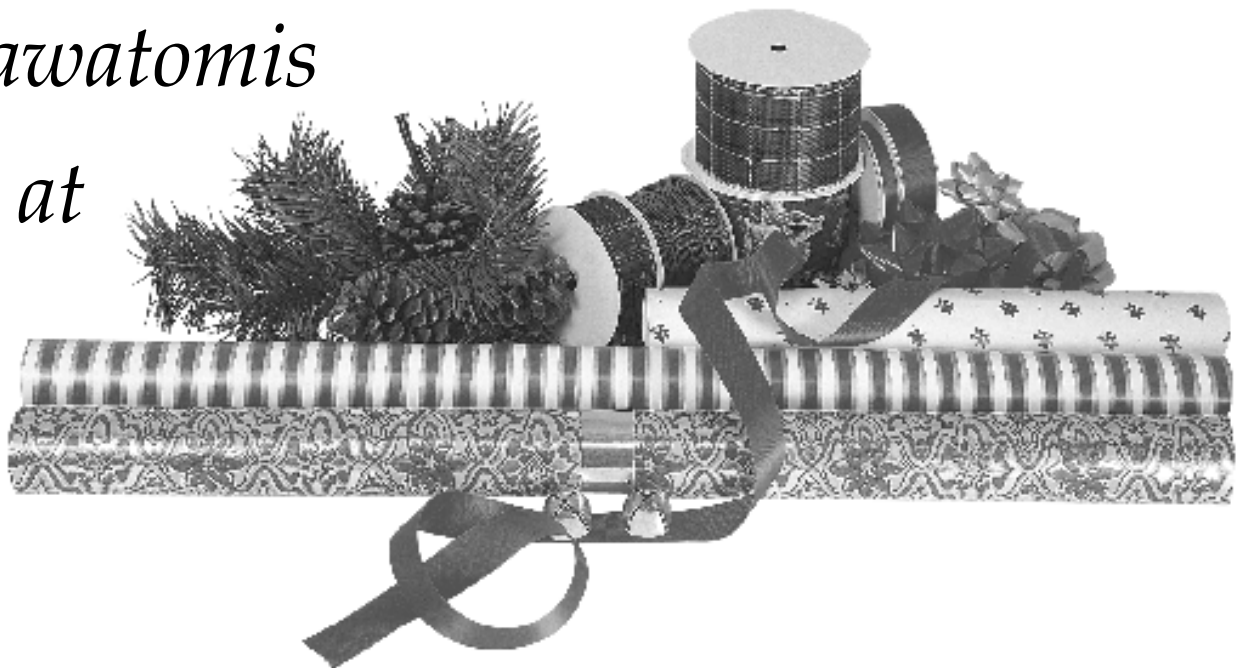
As a tribal member, I was so proud of Linda's work and the manner in which she represented herself, her family, and our people. Megwich, Linda, and may the Creator bless you always as you continue to promote our tribe, education, the honoring celebration of diversity, and the leading role in the nation that Native Americans are developing in the celebration. Megwich, nikan.

Sincerely,

David West MA  
Diversity Institute of  
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